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Mail Stop Amendment

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed December 29, 2006, applicants elect the invention of Group V, claims 148-153, and Species 1, Figures 3A-5B. The election is made without traverse. At least claim 148 is generic to all species.

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Respectfully submitted,

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